GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7739
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ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON SILICO MANGANESE BY USA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of silico-manganese from India to USA during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) whether USA has recently imposed anti-dumping duties against our export of silico-manganese;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the total losses which are going to be incurred by Indian exporters of silico-manganese due to this anti-dumping duties; and

(e) the retaliatory action the Government has taken against the USA action?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) The total export of silico-manganese from India to USA during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is as follows:

Year	Qty. (In Kgs)	Value (In Rs. Lakhs)
2000-01	4,73,16,431	9262.46
2001-02 (APR 2001-DEC. 2002)	1,02,35,868	1884.05

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. In view of the petition filed by the US domestic industry on 6th April, 2001 (by Eramet Marietta Inc., Marietta, and the Paper, allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union), the US Department of Commerce, vide its notification dated 26th April, 2001 intimated the initiation of Anti-dumping investigation against import of the subject item from India (other countries are Kazakhstan and Venezuela) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the US is materially injured or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports from India. The Petitioners have identified four Indian producers who are stated to have exported silico-manganese to the USA.The US authorities have, in March, 2002, announced the final affirmative determination in the Anti-dumping investigation on silico-manganese imports from India. Anti-dumping margins imposed on India are as follows:

(i) Nava Bharat Ferro Alloys Ltd.	20.42 %
(ii) Universal Ferro and Allied Chemicals Ltd.	15.32 %
(iii) All others	17.69 %

(d) The export of silico-manganese from India will be affected adversely. However, it is too early to make a quantitative estimate the extent of the impact of the anti-dumping duty imposed on India`s exports

(e) Under WTO provisions, the Anti-dumping investigation/measure is considered only when the exports are made at less than the normal value of the products and causes or threatens to cause material injury to an established domestic industry of the importing country. The Government of the exporting country has little role to play. Government of India has, however, been extending all possible help deemed necessary to the Indian exporters in all such cases.